4. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour.

5. Joint Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development.

6. Advisory (VSI), Planning Commission.

7. Executive Director, RBI.

8. to 11. State Industry Secretaries of four selected States.

12. Director (DIC), O/o DC(SSI)—Member Secretary.

Other officials/non-officials may be invited to the meetings of this Committte if their presence is felt necessary.

FUNCTIONS OF HIGH POWERED COMMITTEE

1. Framing revision of guidelines.

2. To ensure effective implementation of the programme.

3. To review progress of the programmes in physical, financial and quantitative terms.

4. To consider concurrent evaluation reports.

5. To provide a forum for a continuous dialogue with the State Govts.

6. To consider proposals for providing entrepreneurial development assistance.

Balanced development of industrial sector

1476. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any effort is being made to encourage a balanced development in the industrial sector all over the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that large industries are now being largely set up in Western India;

(c) how Government propose to ensure that large industries also come up in States like Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether imbalanced industrial development will eventually harm the progress of the nation; and

(e) if so, what corrective steps are proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) Central Government and the State Governments are seeking to encourage a more balanced industrial development through a policy of selective incentives and infrastructure development. It is correct that a large number of industries are being set up in Western India. Industries tend to get concentrated in areas with well developed infrastructure, better market access etc. Therefore, Government of India is operating a Growth Centre Scheme to establish industrial infrastructure largely in the backward areas with a view to promote industrialisation of backward areas. Under the scheme, Andhra Pradesh has been allotted four centres.

Modernisation of Public Sector Enterprises

1477. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Industry has asked the Public Sector Enterprises to modernise and also to adopt new technology in their units;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Public Sector Enterprises thereon;

(c) whether the disinvestment policy has helped the Public Sector Enterprises in the above matter; and

(d) what other steps are proposed to be taken to modernise Public Sector Enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (d) Modernisation and technology upgradation including adoption of new technology are enterprise specific and, therefore, are cosidered by the management of respective public sector enterprise in consultation with the Administrative Ministries/Departments, from time to time. In the case of sick PSEs such measures are taken up depending on the revival/rehabilitation plan approved by the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction in consultation with the parties concerned. It is premature to judge the impact of disinvestment on modernisation/technological upgradation as the same has been carried out only since 1991-92 and implemented in 32 out of 245 PSEs upto date.

No-Industry districts in Orissa

1478. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'No Industry Districts' in Orissa;

(b) the steps taken to set up industries in these Districts; and

(c) the projections made for Eight and Ninth plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Balasore, Bolangir and Phulbani are the three 'No Industry Districts' in the State of Orissa.

(b) and (c) Industrialisation of specific districts/areas is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/Union Territory concerned. The Central Government supplements their efforts to the extent possible.

Revamping of District Indusrries Centres

1479. *SHRI* RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a need to revamp the District Industries Centres in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up District Industries Centres in all the newly-created districts; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) As decided by National Development Council (NDC) the scheme of District Industries Centres has been transferred to the States. It is for the State/UT Governments to set-